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Points of Note:

- Elrose Balan — the World of Gardian's Patreon point of contact — advises that buyers seek chargebacks through their bank.
- Confirmation that Milo Winter owes an estimated 2100 people refunds for the paperback special edition of *The Age of Scorpious*.

Bug · 12h

her name is @seoulmama on tumblr. she has a pinned post on how to file with the ftc. only do this if you are personally waiting for your product and it has not arrived OR if you are part of the refunds. i am uncertain if patreon will let me link in the comments of a post, so please find her on tumblr so that this can be properly reported to the proper bureaus.

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bekkaboo · 14h

wire fraud
noun

1. Fraud committed by means of electronic communication, as by telephone or modem.
2. A class of felonies, providing for a separate and additional federal penalty for any crime of fraud involving the use of electronic communications methods

Wire fraud is a federal crime that involves using electronic communications, such as phone calls or the internet, to intentionally deceive and defraud someone of money or property. It is prosecuted under Title 18, Section 1343 of the United States Code.

Whoever, having devised or intending to devise any scheme or artifice to defraud, or for obtaining money or property by means of false or fraudulent pretenses, representations, or promises, transmits or causes to be transmitted by means of wire, radio, or television communication in interstate or foreign commerce, any writings, signs, signals, pictures, or sounds for the purpose of executing such scheme or artifice, shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than 20 years, or both.

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The World of Gardian
AUTHOR · 1d

Sorry everyone - last month I (Elrose) migrated the WoG e-mails to a new host, & in the process it appears Patreon no longer sends me e-mails when there's new comments - thus my long absence.

There has not been much change from a customer perspective - refunds are still coming, but no firm date. Milo's living situation is finally improved, but still too early to promise a firm ETA. When that changes (hopefully soon!), I will make an announcement here & to the mailing list.

Some folks are talking about contacting their bank to get a refund that way - seems like a good option.

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Antaeus · 1d

While you are in an answering mood, did you ever find out why the 8-25 Q&A on TikTok was deleted? Your response when someone asked on the September 4th, 2025 post was "We are looking into this". Did you figure anything out in the following 9 months?

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PENTAXENSTEIN · 2d

Does anyone have even the slightest idea of the number of people due refunds? My offer comment got deleted, "Laura Rae Says" did see it and it lives on her YT page. If anyone here, most of all Milo wants to discuss this he can let it be known. Hiding isn't going to fix this. At least address the people left in the cold on TikTok, seems everyone has abandoned hope you'll reply here.

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н л · 2d

at the very least 2100 people are owed refunds, if not more

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PENTAXENSTEIN · 2d

Thank you...

Bug · 1d

someone who has a tiktok, i do not, and has a decent following should make a post stating that milo has still not processed refunds and to contact their banks to get a refund asap.

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The World of Gardian
AUTHOR · 1d

see latest comment for current status - the person who said ~2100 is correct

Antaeus · 1d

Why was PENTAXENSTEIN's initial comment deleted if you didn't receive emails for a whole month? That comment was made 9-10 days ago, during the period where you were supposedly absent. Is there a third until now unknown operator of this account who deleted it?

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Kendel · 1d

There was also a particularly critical comment that was liked for several days which has now been unliked.

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Doreen Fiedler · 1d

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Hey, the person who made that critical comment here. I think a lot of people would understand if Milo isn't listening to you. It's deeply unfair for Milo to put you in this situation.

Milo's had several months to get started on refunds(this post went up near the end of February, and it's now the end of May). As far as I can tell, he has not started. Even with his alleged "uncertain living situation". three months is plenty of time to at least start on refunds. I don't think people would've minded if he had to do it in batches.

If Milo no longer cares about Gardian, he'd be doing everyone a favor if he just told us that. If he isn't planning on refunding people, he'd be better off telling us that. If all of this was some kind of cheap cash grab, he'd once again be better off telling that to us.

Dragging this out isn't going to make either of you look better. At this point - and, I reiterate, it has been three months - both of you are better off just being honest.

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Kendel ·

1d

While you're here I would like to clarify that I didn't think your comment was wrong or inaccurate in any way, in fact I agree fully, it's moreso that it wasn't a comment I would expect anyone operating this account to press like on, so I thought it noteworthy.

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Doreen Fiedler · 15h

Frankly, that surprised me too. I can see a lot of my teenage self in how Milo's reacted to this drama, so I can absolutely understand why Elrose feels the need to help him the way she does.

Unfortunately, the way they've chosen to go about it isn't doing either of them favors. At this late date (again, I reiterate, we're three months in), Elrose's vagueness about why Milo refuses to refund people looks less like "an uncertain living situation", and starts to look more like something Milo's doing intentionally. I understand if he has a lot going on, but someone needs to tell him just how bad he's making himself look here.

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PENTAXENSTEIN · 14h

Sad, really. Milo was quick to brag about his business acumen in building a 6 figure multimedia juggernaut...ignoring business and personal responsibility. In aggregate this is a substantial sum of money. I'll stick my neck out and say the money was diverted from pre-orders to Milo's personal needs. That's not how it works. The trail of breadcrumbs that were meant to throw off buyers that goes in circles, across oceans and up a tree to no answer at all, is telling. There's no good faith here, an adult that has the time and ability to communicate to others downwind instead of facing a camera and at the least, apologizing to those he's dragged to buy time and an escape route will lead to a lifelong legal and financial mess for Milo. This isn't game theory, it's chaos theory, and even the most casual observer can see both the intent and outcome here. If it's not clear, before a dime went to Milo for the IP, I'd make sure refunds were issued first. Those refunds would be deducted from whatever Milo values the IP at. I don't think that's coming unfortunately. If I hear from Milo (not a proxy) I'll post a link to a site I'll create where you can submit your claim and I'll build the best FAQ section possible to let you know what steps to follow. Goodnight & Goodluck

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Bug · 2d

as of right now, according to elrose's tumblr, milo has still not processed refunds. please contact your bank if you want a refund.

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Bug · 5d

im asking again as we are getting to the deadline for a lot of people. while i am not someone who bought any copies of age of scorpius, i am sympathetic to those who have been financially hurt by milo.

what is the eta for the refunds? its been 2 weeks and my original comment does not have a reply. it is coming up on a month before people can file with their banks that they have not received the product they paid for.

eta for these refunds is needed asap for those people.

edit: i am not the same bug that worked on this project. i either did not know or had forgotten that milo worked with an artist named bug. we share an internet alias, but we are not the same person.

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Antaeus · 5d

Elrose signed an NDA with Milo when she agreed to be an artist for the project. Her silence isn't because she wants to protect Milo's privacy, but rather because she fear the legal consequences of speaking. Also what is there to speak about? That Milo isn't "in a position to refund because of personal circumstances I can't go into details for"? Milo inactivity combined with the NDA means that Elrose can only ever make negative statements about how the refunds aren't happening. Audience trust is at an all time low because of these non-updates, if she reply and say 50% of the people in the queue was refunded would we believe her?

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Snow White ·

1w

Sorry to be a grandma about this but how does the "tip jar" work? I'm self employed so I don't do subscriptions, but I do like to throw money at other artists when I can. Is there a kofi link or something that I'm not seeing?

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Bug · 1w

this project is dead and milo is not a trustworthy artist to support. i suggest finding other smaller artists on reddit or tumblr.

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Bug · 3w

hey elrose! any update on when milo is going to be sending out the refunds? there are a lot of problems that will come his way if they are not filed in the next month and a half.

edit: grammar

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Ibie Daniels ·

3w

Deleted my comment, not a good look